

MONTANA *State Parks*



**FEATURING
WORLD - FAMOUS**

Lewis and Clark Caverns

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**STALACTITES • STALAGMITES
JEEP RAILWAY • GUIDED TOURS**

LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERNS State Park is an underground wonderland of colorful limestone. Stalactites, stalagmites, clusterites and flowstone, shaped by nature into strange formations, line a three-quarter mile path. Naturally air-conditioned, the caverns are electrically lighted, and are dry and safe to explore. Well-built trails all lead down-hill. The inside temperature is 46 degrees the year around.

A free picnic and camping area is provided. The park is just off U. S. Highway 10-S, 47 miles east of Butte on a direct route between Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks.



The cavern tour takes 1½ hours. All tours are guided. No special clothing is necessary. Light lunches and curios may be procured at a cafe-curio shop at the Headquarters area. A novel jeep railway and a tram lift take visitors to the cavern entrance.

ADMISSION CHARGE:

Adults - - - \$1.00 Children 6 through 12 - - - \$.50
Open May 1 - September 30

BRIDGER MOUNTAIN STATE PARK is a winter sports area which boasts of one of the finest ski areas in the Pacific Northwest. Two "T" bar tows take the skier high up the slopes of the Bridger Range for an exhilarating and thrilling experience. "Bunny slopes" are provided for the novice and a ski jump challenges the more experienced. Bridger Mountain State Park is located 16 miles north of Bozeman off U. S. Highway 10.



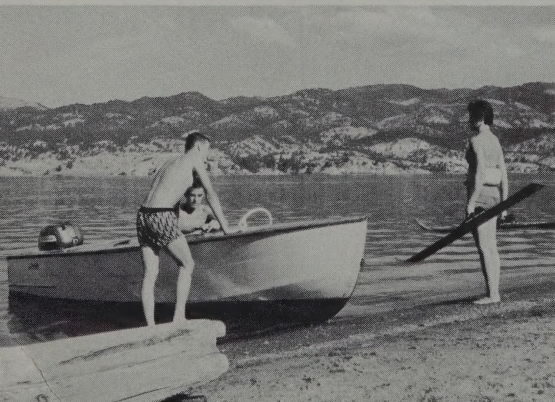
HOOPER STATE PARK offers picnic and camping facilities in a forest setting west of the Rogers Pass crossing of the Continental Divide. Hooper is one of the newer parks in the state park system and is ideal for an overnight stay or a week-end in the cool mountain region north of Helena. It is located on Highway 20 near Lincoln.

FORT PECK RESERVOIR has two state parks. One is Rock Creek located 35 miles south of the spillway and the other is Hell Creek located 26 miles north of Jordan off Highway 18. Camping, picnicking and water sports are offered at each park with some of Montana's most scenic badlands for a backdrop. Both of these parks are in remote areas; good directions are essential. Roads are adequate in dry weather.

CANYON FERRY RECREATION AREA, on a lake formed by a new Missouri River dam, is popular with picnickers, campers, boaters, and fishermen. Camping and picnic facilities are convenient. Canyon Ferry is located off U. S. Highway 10-N near Helena.

TIBER RESERVOIR RECREATION AREA has several recreation areas that are new to the park system and are just being developed. Tiber is rapidly becoming famous as the "hottest" fishing spot in Montana due to a rehabilitation program undertaken by the State Fish and Game Department. Camping and picnic facilities are available. It's located south of U. S. 2 near Chester.

LOST CREEK STATE PARK is one of Montana's newest. It features Lost Creek Falls where sparkling water cascades over sheer rock in a setting of evergreens, willows and aspens. Lost Creek flows through the bottom of a 3,000-foot-deep canyon topped with towering limestone pinnacles. The park is reached from U. S. Highway 10-A near Anaconda.



Flathead Area Parks

Flathead area in northwestern Montana, just west and south of Glacier National Park, is one of the finest natural recreation areas in the nation.

Flathead Lake, a deep blue, fresh-water lake, is fed by sparkling mountain streams flowing down from the snow-capped peaks of the Montana Rockies, and is bordered by tall, fragrant evergreens. Here are abundant opportunities for recreation — picnicking, camping, fishing, swimming, boating and all types of water sports.

FLATHEAD LAKE STATE PARK is one of three state parks located on Flathead Lake. Adjacent to the highway and easily accessible, the park itself is a strip of land 200 feet deep along some 1500 feet of shore line. Here the traveler will find picnic tables, fireplaces, sanitary facilities and easy access to the beach. Camping is permitted and trailers will find parking space available. Small boats may be launched from the shore and good fishing will be found in the bay area.

WEST SHORE STATE PARK is one of the newer parks on the Flathead Lake. Picnic tables, fireplaces and sanitary facilities are provided. There is room for camping and limited space is available for small trailers. From the shoreline of this park one has an outstanding view of the lake with the rugged Mission Mountains in the background — a sight one will not soon forget.

YELLOW BAY STATE PARK has one of the most attractive settings on the entire lake. An excellent beach is available for swimmers and boats may be launched with ease. On any day during the summer months one will find swimmers enjoying the cool waters of the lake and water skiers having the time of their lives on the sheltered waters of the bay. Camping and picnicking facilities are provided and limited space is available for trailers.

MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK is an outstanding badlands area in eastern Montana, where centuries of wind and water have eroded limestone cliffs into strange and wonderful formations. Early morning and late evening sunlight add special charm to the scenery. The word "Makoshika" (mah-KO'-she-ka) is Sioux for "hell cooled over." This park is reached from U. S. Highway 10 at Glendive.

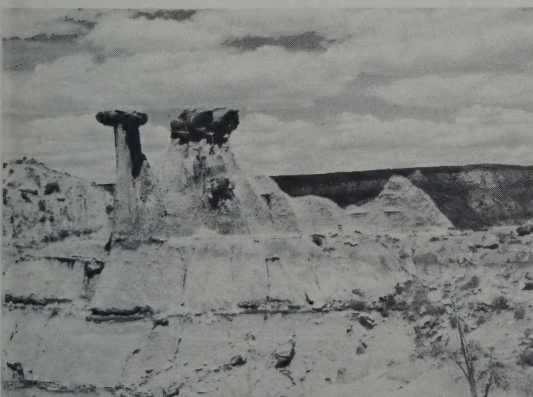


BITTERROOT LAKE STATE PARK is set up primarily for use as a youth camp and is operated by the Lions Club of Kalispell. Adjacent to the youth camp area is a public area which is provided with picnic and camping facilities. Bitterroot Park has a picturesque setting and is ideal for a picnic or an overnight stay. Plan to include it on your trip through the Flathead country.

LONE PINE STATE PARK is located just south and west of Kalispell on a hill top and provides an unusually scenic picnic spot with a panoramic view of the entire Flathead valley.

WHITEFISH LAKE STATE PARK is located on Whitefish Lake just a mile or so from the city of Whitefish. Picnic and camping facilities are available and the traveler will enjoy the scenic and restful atmosphere of beautiful Whitefish Lake. The park is off U. S. Highway 93 and is not far from Glacier National Park.

MEDICINE ROCKS STATE PARK preserves striking rock formations — spirals, columns, archways, caves. In the summer sun, the rocks are intensely white; by moonlight they look like molten silver. In this weird setting, Indians once held medicine dances. An interesting picnic site, this park is also a favorite with photographers. It is near Ekalaka on Highway 7.





Old hotel at Bannack



Headwaters Point

State Monuments

BANNACK STATE MONUMENT is located at the first territorial capital of Montana. Now a ghost town, Bannack is a reminder of gold rush days and preserves scenes familiar to the miners, gamblers, bandits and gold-seekers of the 1860's. One may clearly visualize all this as he strolls through the deserted streets of this once-busy metropolis. Bannack is located off U. S. 91 near Dillon.

FORT OWEN STATE MONUMENT, now being restored, is the site of a pioneer fort and trading post near Montana's first white settlement. Established by Major Owen, this post brought the first business establishment to western Montana. Now being brought back to life, the old fort will once again reflect the glory of an earlier day.

MISSOURI RIVER HEADWATERS STATE MONUMENT, one of the most important of the west's historical sites, marks the confluence of the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin Rivers. Discovered in 1805 by the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the headwaters today form a living monument to the explorers. A marked trail leads the visitor to points of special interest. Camping and picnic facilities are available. The Headwaters are located off U. S. 10 near Three Forks, and may be visited on a short side trip.

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Park	Location	Picnicking	Fishing	Swimming	Boating	Camping	Historical Site	Unusual Scenery	Winter Sports
Bannack State Monument	21 Mi. W. of Dillon off U. S. 91	•				•	•		
Bitterroot Lake S.P.	20 Mi. W. of Kalispell and 5 Mi. N. of U. S. 2 at Marion	•	•	•	•	•			
Bridger Mt. S.P.	16 Mi. N. of Bozeman in Bridger Canyon								•
Canyon Ferry	20 Mi. S.E. of Helena off U. S. 10 N.	•	•	•	•	•			
Flathead Lake S.P.	15 Mi. N. of Polson on U. S. 93	•	•	•	•	•			
Fort Owen S.M.	At Stevensville						•		
Hell Creek S.P.	26 Mi. N. of Jordan off Mont. 18	•	•	•	•	•			
Hooper S.P.	At Lincoln on Mont. 20	•				•			
Lewis & Clark Caverns	18 Mi. E. of Whitehall on U. S. 10-S	•				•		•	
Lone Pine S.P.	3 Mi. S.W. of Kalispell off U. S. 2	•				•		•	
Lost Creek S.P.	6 Mi. N. of Anaconda off U. S. 10-A	•				•		•	
Makoshika S.P.	3 Mi. S. of Glendive off U. S. 10	•				•		•	
Medicine Rocks S.P.	12 Mi. N. of Ekalaka on Mont. 7	•						•	
Missouri River Headwaters S.M.	3 Mi. E. of Three Forks and 3 Mi. N. of U. S. 10	•	•			•	•	•	
Rock Creek S.P.	35 Mi. S. of Fort Peck on E. shore of Ft. Peck Reservoir	•	•	•	•	•			
Tiber Reservoir	18 Mi. S.W. of Chester off U. S. 2	•	•	•	•	•			
West Shore S.P.	20 Mi. S. of Kalispell on U. S. 93 on Flathead Lake	•	•	•	•	•			
Whitefish Lake S.P.	3 Mi. W. of Whitefish on U. S. 93	•	•	•	•	•			
Yellow Bay S.P.	20 Mi. N. of Polson on Mont. 35	•	•	•	•	•			